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APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. 09/695,828 10/26/2000 Robert Scott Nieboer 2907-104P 1872

TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR CONDITIONAL ORDER TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES OR OTHER ITEMS IN COMMERCE

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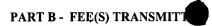
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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below.

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1. This communication is responsive to 07/15/2003.							
ne allowed claim(s) is/are 42-53.							
 The drawings filed on 26 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 							
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 42-53 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- 2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Birch (applicants' representative), on 09/25/2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 52, line 1, after "claim" insert --43--.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on 07/15/2003 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application that would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent #6,418,419 has been reviewed (see Paper #6) and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

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Response to Amendment

- 5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action (see Paper #4), or will be included here for clarity, as necessary. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not otherwise provided in a prior Office action will be included in this action where appropriate.
- 6. This action is in response to applicant's amendment B (see Paper #5) filed 07/15/2003 and the examiner's amendment above. Amendment B amended claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 52, and 53. Examiner's amendment amended claim 52. Claims 42-53 are pending.
- 7. Claims 42-53 are allowed.

Claim Objections

8. Claims 42-52 are objected to because of minor informalities. Applicant's amendment B amended claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 52, and 53, and has overcome the informalities. Therefore, examiner withdraws the objection.

Double Patenting

9. Claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 51, and 53 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 8, 24, 41, and 43 of U. S. Patent No. 6,418,419 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude"

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already granted in the patent. Applicant's timely filing of a Terminal Disclaimer has overcome the rejection. Therefore, examiner withdraws the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's invention presents a network and workstation for conditional trading of items, such as securities and contracts. The key elements, which are specified in independent claim # 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, and 53, the combination of which differentiate the invention over prior art, include controlling a computer coupled to each of the trader terminals over a communications network and receiving as inputs:

- an item input in the form of an algorithm with constraints thereon,
- a price set forth within an order is represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon,
- the price for the trade of one item is a dependent variable of the algorithm within the constraints,
- a price of another security is an independent variable of the algorithm within the constraints,
- the price is the dependent variable being continuously changeable responsive to changes in price of the independent variable,
- matching or comparing, in accordance with the constraints and conditions, algorithmic or non-algorithmic buy/sell orders with algorithmic or non-algorithmic sell/buy orders; and

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the algorithm representing a buy or sell order.

Claim 42 discloses, in combination with the above features, the feature of one of the conditions being the requirement that two or more securities are tradable contemporaneously as a contingent trade of those respective securities.

Additionally, claims 43, 45, 47, 49, and 53 disclose, in combination with the above features, the feature of simultaneously executing a trade of said items in the same or diverse markets as a single electronically matched trade.

The combination of theses features make claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, and 53 distinct over prior art. Prior art discloses some of the aspects or properties of the invention, as well as the aspect of buyers defining contract terms (Shepherd [U.S. Patent No. 6,134,53], col. 9 lines 20-22), whereas the invention does not allow buyers to define contract terms; system administrators pre-define and input the securities and contracts. Prior art does not disclose or suggest the above features in combination as disclosed in applicant's invention and stated in all of the independent claims 42, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 53.

Prior art of record includes:

- Shepherd (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,536) discloses methods and apparatus that deal with the management of risk relating to specified, yet unknown, future events;

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- Borgato (U.S. Patent No. 5,950,178) discloses representations of stock market activity may be represented on a graphics computer monitor/screen for monitoring activity related to stocks and the market;

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- Williams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,918) discloses a computer interface system that includes interactive interface controls as well as aural and kinetic interface controls to assist in educating a user, in profiling a user, and in controlling and monitoring the implementation of actions involving probabilistic distributions;
- Wiseman (U.S. Patent No. 5,168,446) discloses a system is provided for processing spot trades in selected commodities among a group of trading stations in a communication network through a series of structured stages;
- Ferstenberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,873,071) discloses, in a preferred embodiment, this invention includes software processes distributed on one or more computer systems that exchange messages in order to facilitate an intermediated exchange of financial commodities between a plurality of participants;
- Kull, David; Keough, Lee; "The house of games;" Computer Decisions; v20, n8, pg. 43(11); August 1989, discloses the New York Stock Exchange tries to change computer-triggered trading schemes and restore investor confidence after the October 19, 1987 stock market collapse;
- Scholldorf (EPO Patent No. 0 411 748 A2) discloses a risk control matching system for trading instruments, such as foreign exchange currencies, in which bids are automatically matched against offers for given trading instruments;

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- Lupien (EPO Patent No. 0 401 203) discloses an automated system for managing one or more large investor portfolios containing both cash and numerous, diversified securities in a real time environment providing liquidity to the securities markets while maintaining predetermined portfolio objectives for each portfolio;

- "State Street and the Boston Stock exchange Announce Exclusive Agreement
 On State Street's Bond Connect in the United States;" Business Editors; 19 August
 1998; discloses limitations in the traditional trading environment by offering investors the
 ability to formulate orders linked to portfolio strategy; and
- Lee, Charles M.C.; "Market integration and price execution for the NYSE-listed securities;" Journal of finance; v48; n3; pg. 1003(30); July 1993; discloses, for NYSE listed securities, the price execution of seemingly comparable orders differs systematically by location.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Forest Thompson Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 306-5449. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on (703) 308-1344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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